

ALLIES' COUNTER ATTACKS WON BACK ALL GROUND LOST WEST OF KEMMEL; GERMANS DEFEATED BEFORE AMIENS

Powerful German Thrust Monday in Effort to Envelop Ypres Failed and the Kaiser's Forces Lost Heavily When Forced Back by French

ENTIRE VILLAGE OF LOCRE NOW IN HANDS OF ALLIES

Repulsed Along Entire Northern Battlefront, Germans Did Not Attempt Operations Last Night; British Advance East of Villers-Bretonneux

London, via Ottawa, April 30.—Correspondents with the British army agree that the enemy yesterday suffered a disastrous defeat on the bloodiest day yet experienced by the enemy.

London, April 30.—The French are now holding the entire village of Locre, west of Kemmel, says to-day's official statement. In that vicinity the French by counter-attacks yesterday afternoon and evening drove the Germans from the remainder of the ground they had gained in the morning. The Germans having been repulsed all along the northern battlefront, the night was passed in comparative quiet.

During the night the British advanced their line east of Villers-Bretonneux on the front before Amiens.

Field Marshal Haig, in reporting last night the repulse of powerful German attacks against the French and the English positions between Meteren and Zillebeke, stated that the Germans lost heavily. The British line held absolutely but at various points the Germans gained a foothold in the French positions, only to be driven out later. The Belgians also repulsed heavy attacks, inflicting severe casualties on the enemy. The statement reads:

"Following a bombardment of great intensity the French and British positions from the neighborhood of Meteren to Zillebeke lake were violently attacked this morning by large hostile forces. Attacks were made also upon the Belgian positions north of Ypres and fighting of great severity developed rapidly on the allied front."

"The 25th, 49th and 21st British divisions completely repulsed every attempt made by the enemy to enter their positions and, despite a constant succession of determined attacks in great strength, maintained their line intact. The enemy's losses have been very heavy."

"The French positions on the hills about Scherberg and Mt. Rouge also were heavily attacked, and the enemy's infantry succeeded in penetrating a short distance into the French positions. They were immediately driven out by counter attacks from the greater part of the ground or which they had temporarily gained possession."

"On the Belgian front the attacks also were repulsed after sharp fighting in which severe casualties were inflicted on the enemy. The fighting still continues at certain points along the allied battle front."

"On the remainder of the British front there is nothing to report beyond the usual activity on both sides. The weather prevented air operations Sunday."

HEAPS OF GERMAN DEAD LAY IN OPEN

Telling of the awful price which the Kaiser's paid for his attack of Monday.

With the British Army in France, April 30.—(By Associated Press).—In front of the defended positions in Flanders to-day, grey-uniformed men lay in great numbers, representing the awful price paid by the Germans for their attack yesterday. The allies' lines this morning to all intents were the same as when the Germans surged forward.

BIG GUNS ROAR ON NOYON SECTOR

And Along the Oise River the Heavy Artillery Is Engaged in a Great Duel, According to To-day's French Report.

Paris, April 30.—Heavy artillery fighting occurred last night north and south of the Oise river, in the sector of Noyon and along the Oise river, the war office reports.

COLD WEATHER HALTS AUSTRIANS

Their Expected Offensive in Italy Will Be Delayed a Long Time, as Snow Is Six Feet Deep in Places.

Washington, D. C., April 30.—The unexpected return of cold weather in the mountain regions of northern Italy will delay the expected Austrian offensive, in the opinion of Italian officials. Dispatches from Rome to the Italian embassy here say that blizzards have left snow in some places six feet deep.

DRAWING NEAR TO PETROGRAD

Finnish White Guards Defeated Red Guard at Viborg

NEARLY ANNIHILATED AN ARMY OF 6,500

Government Forces of Finland Now Within 75 Miles of the Russian Capital

London, April 30.—The White Guards or the Finnish government forces have captured Viborg, 75 miles northwest of Petrograd, after killing nearly the entire force of 6,000 Red Guards, according to an official announcement issued at Vasa and transmitted from Copenhagen by the Exchange Telegraph company. The rebels made a last desperate attempt to break through in the direction of Fredrikshamn.

VERMONTERS NAMED TO ATTEND THE "WIN THE WAR FOR PERMANENT PEACE" CONVENTION.

The Vermont branch of the League to Enforce Peace is endeavoring to have a large attendance from Vermont at the "Win the War for Permanent Peace" convention, to be held at Philadelphia May 16 to 18, 1918. At the request of Ralph E. Flanders of Springfield, secretary and treasurer of the Vermont branch of the league, Governor Graham has named the following delegates, to attend without expense to the state:

Mrs. O. H. Ashton, Rutland; Frederick H. Babbitt, Bellows Falls; Mrs. A. L. Bailey, St. Johnsbury; Rev. Charles E. Bingham, Northfield; Frank H. Brooks, St. Johnsbury; Thomas C. Cheney, Morrisville; Percival W. Clement, Rutland; Sanford A. Daniels, Brattleboro; James B. Eatee, Montpelier; Mrs. James B. Eatee, Montpelier; Miss Joe Everts, Windsor; Miss Polly Everts, Windsor; Ralph E. Flanders, Springfield; Charles W. Gates, Franklin; Jas. Hartness, Springfield; Frank E. Howe, Bennington; Henry C. Ide, St. Johnsbury; John A. Mead, Rutland; Roderic M. Olendz, Rutland; Frank C. Partridge, Proctor; Dean H. Perry, Barre; Frank Plumley, Northfield; Miss Emily Dutton Proctor, Proctor; Rev. John B. Reardon, Barre; Rev. Edward C. Smith, St. Albans; Mrs. Robert E. Smith, White River Junction; H. D. Walker, Brattleboro.

AUSTRIA REPORTED TO SEEK PEACE

Basel Dispatch Says Emperor Charles Has Made a New Appeal to Italy in Its Own Interest.

Stockholm, April 30.—The Catholic International Press agency announces that a despatch from Basel says that Emperor Charles of Austria is making a fresh peace offer, appealing to Italy to consider it in its own interest.

MEN JUMPED IN TIME.

But Automobile Truck Was Smashed by Train.

Woodsville, N. H., April 30.—Daniel G. Farwell of Wells River, Vt., and two companions had a hair-breadth escape from death at East Ryegate, Vt., when the northbound Montreal express smashed into the auto truck that was being driven by Farwell. The crossing is a bad one, and it was not until he was within about 20 feet of the track that the driver discovered that the engine was upon him. Applying the brakes, the three men jumped and escaped unhurt, but the truck was struck and demolished.

DROWNING FEARED.

Horace Pike's Fishing Rod, Cap and Pipe Found on River Bank.

Woodsville, N. H., April 30.—Horace Pike, 24, living on a farm between this village and North Haverhill with his sister, Mrs. Samuel Clough, has been missing since Sunday afternoon. It is feared he has been drowned in the Connecticut river. His fishing rod, cap and pipe were discovered on the river bank, as was also a place where it is believed he slipped into the water. A party was at once organized for dragging the river.

TO READERS OF THE DAILY TIMES

Beginning Wednesday, May 1, the price of The Times will be advanced to two cents a copy. This increase in price is made necessary by the constantly increasing cost of everything that goes into the production of a newspaper, and is put in effect at this time to anticipate a possible government order that all papers sell at not less than two cents a copy. This latter action has been recommended to the government as one measure toward the curtailment of the consumption of paper.

It will be our endeavor to produce a better and more complete paper, one well worth the increased price, and we hope to have an important announcement to make in this connection within a few days.

The mail subscription price of The Times will be as follows:

Single copies two cents Three months \$3.00

One month 40 cents One year \$3.00

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VERMONT SENT 421 MORE MEN TO JOIN ARMY

Last of Present Draft Call Left State To-day for Camp Devens—Only Four Men Were Sent from Washington County.

Four young men from Barre and Montpelier left to-day for Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass., going over the Montpelier & Wells River railroad to Wells River, where they joined a delegation of Vermonters going by special car. Two of the four leaving Montpelier are credited to other states, they being Jose Lavin of Detroit, Mich., and Pietro Duchini of Georgia, who have been stopping in Washington county. Bennie Prestini of Barre and Louis J. Hency of Montpelier were the other two leaving to-day. Sam W. Nunn and Leonardo Petrucci are the other two from the county, the former going to Devens from Westminster, Mass., and the latter from Farmington, Me.

Of the 421 men who go to Camp Devens in this draft call, those in Rutland and Windham counties went Saturday, while those from Franklin county went Monday and the remainder to-day. None were sent from Chittenden, Lamoille, Caledonia or Orange counties.

Thirteen more from Washington county will go to camp next Friday, while Roy Curtis, a colored draftsman, will go May 6.

Went with Windsor County Men.

Adj. Gen. H. T. Johnson has received from the chief of police of Windsor a report of the arrest of Jacob Bahr, who was arrested in Claremont, N. H., for the Vermont officer on the charge of desertion from the army. It appears that the man filled his questionnaire but did not appear for examination. The officer was advised to turn him over to the local board so that if the regulations were followed he went with the Windsor county bunch to-day to Camp Devens.

86 PER CENT. OWN STAMPS.

Pupils of Barre Public Schools Make Big Increase.

So rapidly is the U. S. thrift stamp idea taking hold in the Barre public schools that 86 per cent. of the pupils now own the stamps and the average is \$3.46. During the past week the total holdings increased \$736 and now amount to \$6,848.25, while the number of pupils buying stamps gained 169 and is now 1,979.

Spaulding high school is 100 per cent. enrolled, the freshmen class having come inside the fold during the week which was reported last night. In addition, nine rooms in the grades are 100 per cent. patriotic, the list being as follows:

Mrs. Burgin's eighth grade, Miss Perrin's eighth grade, and Miss Wooster's eighth grade in the Spaulding building; Miss Doherty's second grade in the Summer street building; Miss Collins' fifth grade in the Brook street building; Miss Gilfeather's fourth grade in the ward five building; Miss Holt's fifth, Mrs. Kenefick's sixth, and Miss Brady's seventh grade in the North Barre school. The tabulated returns are as follows:

Ayers street	227.75	123
Ward V <td>222.75<td>123</td></td>	222.75 <td>123</td>	123
Brook street <td>628.75<td>199</td></td>	628.75 <td>199</td>	199
Lincoln <td>1,765.50<td>408</td></td>	1,765.50 <td>408</td>	408
Spaulding <td>635.75<td>180</td></td>	635.75 <td>180</td>	180
Lincoln <td>1,011.00<td>245</td></td>	1,011.00 <td>245</td>	245
North Barre <td>942.50<td>206</td></td>	942.50 <td>206</td>	206
Summer street <td>232.50<td>97</td></td>	232.50 <td>97</td>	97

HIGH SCHOOL REPORT.

Seniors	228.50	117
Juniors <td>320.00<th>120</th></td>	320.00 <th>120</th>	120
Sophomores <td>174.75<th>74</th></td>	174.75 <th>74</th>	74
Freshmen <td>440.50<th>140</th></td>	440.50 <th>140</th>	140

Carriers Gained Nearly \$1,000.

A gain of nearly \$1,000 was recorded at the Barre postoffice this morning when the returns for war thrift stamp sales in the week ending April 27 were posted on the bulletin board. Thus far mail and city letter carriers have sold a total of \$3,562.41 in stamps, as against \$2,638.31, the aggregate reported April 20. The carriers of both classes retain the same standings, with William D. MacDonald leading the city men, and Charles Ayer at the head of the rural carriers' list.

The totals are as follows: City letter carriers, William D. MacDonald, \$1,422.29; H. B. Houghton, \$435.92; C. L. Converse, \$346.23; C. A. Spear, \$328.18; D. S. Waterman, \$219.54; E. M. Lewis, \$132.89; Thomas Garrity, \$67.25; George M. Gates, \$61.11; rural delivery carriers, Charles Ayer, \$370.06; Arthur W. Robinson, \$129.69; James Johnston, \$26.22; C. G. Carr, \$25.03; total, \$3,562.41.

SMALLER LOSS IS REPORTED

American Casualty List To-day Numbered 58, Mostly Wounded

CAPT. R. L. JETT KILLED IN ACTION

Capt. Charles A. Chambers Died of Disease, Three Lieutenants Wounded

Washington, D. C., April 30.—The casualty list to-day contained 58 names: Killed in action, 2; died of accident, 2; died of disease, 6; wounded severely, 5; wounded slightly, 42; missing in action, 1. Captain Richard Laurence Jett was killed in action. Captain Charles A. Chambers died of disease. Lieutenants Robert D. Coye, Rufus B. Crain and Francis Worthington Hine were slightly wounded.

The war department announced that Lieutenant Thomas J. Mooney had been previously reported as having died from accident through an error in the cables. Lieutenant John W. Morris, previously reported as wounded severely, is reported a prisoner and unwounded.

SEEKS MONEY RECOVERY.

An Illinois Company Brings Action Against an Agent in Vermont.

In Washington county court Monday afternoon the case of W. T. Rawley and Co. of Illinois against T. J. Redmond was heard. This is a case in which the plaintiff, a dealer in notions, medicines, etc., brings suit to recover the balance alleged to be due on a contract, namely, \$800, for goods shipped to Mr. Redmond, who retailed them for the wholesalers. The defense claims it owes the company nothing.

Judgment by default has been entered in the case of the Waterbury Savings Bank and Trust company vs. Ella Blomdin, et al. A discontinuance has been recorded in the divorce case of Maude Durkee vs. John Durkee. Attorneys in the case of Orser vs. Orser are trying to effect a reconciliation between man and wife. Both are popular and well known in Northfield. They did not live together for six months before the divorce suit was brought and the writ laid on the attorney's desk for the plaintiff several weeks before it was served on the defendant. J. Ward Carter represents the plaintiff and F. L. Laird the defendant.

A motion for a defaulted judgment has been filed in the cases of Barre Savings Bank and Trust company vs. G. E. Nelson and D. A. and C. W. Perry vs. D. Solla.

This morning the case of C. L. Norton vs. F. E. Maxham was heard. This is a case in which the plaintiff seeks to recover board of a child from the defendant. It appears that the wife of the plaintiff obtained a divorce from a man named Griffith in Waisfield and that two weeks afterward she married Norton. In the meantime her minor child, some two years of age, was, through Justice of the Peace Jack Dana, bound out to be boarded by Mr. Maxham and that after her marriage the child was taken to the Norton home and now an effort is being made to recover the board of the child since December, 1915.

CALL FIRE DEPARTMENT.

While Trying to Mail a Letter in the North End To-day.

A North Barre woman who wanted to mail a letter adopted the unusual expedient of attempting to drop the missive into a fire alarm box. Her purpose became known at 10:10 this forenoon when the alarm sounded from No. 14, at the corner of West Second and North Main streets. It was the first general alarm since the call men went on the new pay schedule and there was a generous response. Chief Gladding, who was aboard the auto truck as it swept down street with the horse-drawn apparatus in its wake, divined the falsity of the alarm when he saw a woman standing near the box with a letter in her hand. Obviously it was an unintentional mistake on her part and she seemed greatly exercised over the trouble she had given the fire department. Men and apparatus returned to headquarters at once.

BOYS SENT BACK.

Will Return to State Industrial School in Vergennes.

Clyde Brudnell and Harold Sulham, the two boys who were added to the break in the postoffice in Brattleboro were brought before Commissioner H. C. Shurtliff Monday night and bound over to trial before the United States district court at Burlington at its next sitting. Sulham is a Morrisville boy, while Brudnell lives in Montpelier. Bail of \$100 was furnished by the parents of the boys, who are to go back to the industrial school awaiting their trials. Both have been mixed up in similar affairs before, Brudnell having been sentenced after an investigation of petty robberies at the Y. M. C. A. in Montpelier.

MORE HONOR TOWNS.

In Vermont Which Have Subscribed Quota in Liberty Loan.

Burlington, April 30.—The following additional towns were added to Vermont's honor roll: Addison county—Bridport, New Haven, Lincoln, Shoreham, Weybridge, Bennington county—Rupert and Readsboro. Franklin county—Fletcher and Highgate. Washington county—Barre City and Warren. Windham county—Westminster.

GODDARD JUNIORS Gave an Exhibition at the Seminary Hall Last Evening.

The junior class held its annual exercises at Goddard seminary last evening, a large number of friends of the school and of the individual participants being in attendance, and the annual reception, held Saturday night, was also an enjoyable affair for the pupils and their friends.

There are 36 students in the class and last night's program gave evidence of their ability along various lines. The program was as follows:

"Marionette" (Gurill), Emily Libby of Montgomery, Eva Davis, Putnamsville, Thelma Farrington, Anna Lewis; "Trade with South America," John Berry of Jeffersonville; "The Part the American Woman is Playing in the Present War," Emily Libby, "Vermont in Winter," Lucia Stoddard, Plainfield; "The Coppah Moon" (Shelly), double quartet; "Germany's Submarine Warfare," Percy Pitkin, Marshfield; "Y. M. C. A. Work at the Front," Lucile Cain, Hinesburg; "Over There," Josephina Lucchina, of Barre; "Pierrette" (Chaminade), Arline Hutchins; "Mary Shipman Andrews: An Appreciation," Ruth Bolton, Cabot; "The Work of the Salvation Army in the Present War," Bart Garrity, Brookline, Mass.; "Character Portrayed by Clothes," Alice Reed, Concord; "Comin' thro' the Rye" (Platte), double quartet; "The Tank in Warfare," James Kelly, Dorchester, Mass.; "Where Vermont Comes In," Marjorie Worcester, South Barre.

A GOLDEN WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hewitt of South Royalton the Couple.

Principal and Mrs. O. K. Hollister were in South Royalton yesterday to attend the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hewitt, well known residents of that village, whose four sons attended Goddard seminary and three of whom were graduated from that institution. One of the sons, Ernest J. Hewitt, is a trustee of Goddard.

Two receptions were held during the course of the day and evening, guests being present from 3 to 5 in the afternoon and from 8 to 10 in the evening. The Hewitt residence was beautifully decorated with red, white and blue bunting, and an orchestra furnished music during the afternoon and evening. Refreshments were also served.

Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt were married when quite young, the bride being only 15 and her husband being 21, so that they are considerably younger than most people who celebrate their golden wedding. Three of Mr. Hewitt's four sisters were present yesterday, as well as the four sons of the honored couple. The sons are: Clinton, who is engaged in the produce business in Boston; Ernest, who is associated with his father in the provision and grain business in South Royalton; Winford, who is instructor in music at the Wesleyan college, Delaware, O., and Earl, who is a teacher in the Fay school for boys at Westboro, Mass. Mr. Hewitt already stated, the four attended Goddard seminary and the last three were graduated from the school.

KNEELING FIGURE OF WASHINGTON

To Be Turned Out in Barre Granite and Set Up at Camden, N. J.

Two patriotic memorials of more than passing importance are to be the handiwork of the Barre granite men. One is a kneeling figure of Washington to be turned out in Barre granite and set up at Camden, N. J. The other is a kneeling figure of Washington to be turned out in Barre granite and set up at Camden, N. J. The kneeling figure of Washington is to form the most conspicuous feature of a monument commemorating the winter at Valley Forge. The memorial is to stand in the public square at Camden, N. J. The Barre granite men are the choice of the finer work is to be done by Tosi, the well known carver. The sculptor has represented the Father of his Country in a kneeling position, his sword in his right hand, and a cocked hat in his left. The head is bowed and the great patriot is in an attitude of prayer. It is expected that the memorial will be ready for setting early this season.

The same firm has practically completed an original soldiers' monument to be erected in Appleton, Wis. Light Barre granite from E. L. Smith & Co.'s quarry has been used and excellent results obtained therefrom by Mr. Tosi. The monument is to commemorate the sons of Appleton who fell in the war between the states. It is a statue of a soldier of the North at parade rest. It is seven feet high, and all of the statue is to be dedicated in the near future.

SAW MANY BARRE BOYS.

Sergt. John McDonald Writes Home from France.

The action early in April wherein Major Ashley and Lieut. Hopkins of the old 1st Vermont Infantry received the Croix de Guerre for conspicuous bravery while under fire was participated in by Sergt. John McDonald, a well known Barre boy, according to information received in this city. Sergt. McDonald was one of 200 picked men from the 101st ammunition train selected to act as a cover while army supplies were being removed. Cover for the lorries was furnished by the detail under heavy shell fire, and after the action both the major and the lieutenant were recommended for the Croix de Guerre, honors which they shortly received.

A letter addressed to Barre friends by Sergt. McDonald refers to a meeting with Lieut. N. W. Hooker. Sergt. McDonald also speaks of meeting Private Gerald Mason, another Barre boy. Private Mason was on his way to the rear, having received a slight shell wound, and he told the sergeant of having talked with Private Crowley, formerly of East Barre, while in the front trenches. Sergt. McDonald also mentions recent meetings with Corp. Warren Ladd, Privates Mike Cerasoli and Loeo, and Private Raymond Martin, who he will remember as a former Goddard student.

James McIntosh and Samuel Dowers, who recently enlisted in the navy, left last night for an Atlantic port, where they are to receive training station assignments.

Fred Cutler arrived in the city last evening from Hartford, Conn., where he has been employed during several months at a large munitions plant, to spend a few days at the home of Mrs. Cutler in South Barre.

Licenses whose permits to sell intoxicating liquors were not continued by the county commission this year will suspend business to-night at 10 o'clock. Nearly every establishment where the proprietor has failed to secure another license has been taken over by successful applicants. Three seventh-class licenses will retain their present locations.

AGED MAN WAS SLAIN FOR MONEY

John Hobart, Aged 79, of Middlesex Was Gagged, Bound and Beaten Over the Head, His Body Being Found This Morning by Chore Boy

AN EMPTY WALLET FOUND IN TRUNK

Victim of Crime Went to His Home at 8:40 Last Evening After Visiting in the Village—Murder Was Probably Committed Soon After That

The body of John Hobart, an elderly resident of Middlesex, was found on the floor of the kitchen in his little cottage in that village this morning, there being many evidences that the man had been murdered for his money. Ugly gashes in the forehead, a handkerchief drawn tightly across the mouth and binding twine upon one wrist furnished evidence enough of foul play; and an opened trunk from which Mr. Hobart's large roll of money had been taken was mute evidence of the motive for the crime.

Mr. Hobart lived in a little house which sets up on the bank on the east side of the street and almost opposite the Central Vermont railroad station. The house was formerly on the main highway through the village of Middlesex but since the abolishing of the grade crossing directly in front of the house the highway has been closed for through traffic.

Mr. Hobart was in the village last evening after visiting the store and he called at the residence of J. E. Good enough while on his way home, he and Mr. Goodenough having been in the habit of meeting to talk about business. He left the Goodenough house at about 8:40 o'clock and went alone to his cottage. That was the last report of him until Elton Sherman, a boy 15 years of age, who has been doing chores for the elderly man, rushed excitedly home this morning with the announcement that Mr. Hobart's body was lying on the floor in his house. Mrs. Sherman notified Mr. Goodenough, who went to the Hobart house and after making a brief examination notified Selectman D. P. Sawyer.

The two men went to the house and began an examination of the body and the conditions in the house. The body of the man lay on the floor in the back kitchen, being on its back. The body was cold and rigor mortis had already set in, showing that he must have been murdered some hours before the discovery of the body. There were gashes over the eyes and there was considerable blood on the floor from the wounds. Mr. Hobart's blue handkerchief was drawn tightly across his nose and mouth and tied behind. One wrist was encircled with binding twine but not of very heavy texture, while on the floor under the body were pieces of the same kind of twine, the assailant having apparently tried to bind and gag the elderly man with the twine. The body of Mr. Hobart's blue handkerchief was drawn tightly across his nose and mouth and tied behind. One wrist was encircled with binding twine but not of very heavy texture, while on the floor under the body were pieces of the same kind of twine, the assailant having apparently tried to bind and gag the elderly man with the twine. The body of Mr. Hobart's blue handkerchief was drawn tightly across his nose and mouth and tied behind. One wrist was encircled with binding twine but not of very heavy texture, while on the floor under the body were pieces of the same kind of twine, the assailant having apparently tried to bind and gag the elderly man with the twine.

Mr. Hobart, though in his 80th year, was in good physical condition and fairly vigorous, so that he could have put up quite a struggle against a single assailant. It is presumed that when confronted with the robber Mr. Hobart offered resistance and that the binding twine which was put about his wrists failed to hold against his struggle, forcing the assailant to commit murder to carry out his plan of robbery. And yet, there were few evidences of a struggle in the cottage, things being little disarranged.

There were some papers on the table in one room as if they had been laid down while the reader was called to the door in response to a knock. The front door was unlocked when the Sherman boy arrived this morning to bring in the firewood and carry the water, and that was rather unusual. An examination later this forenoon revealed the front door key lying on the floor about a foot from the door. The inference, therefore, is that when Mr. Hobart went to the door in response to a knock he was rushed upon by the robber and bowled over, the key being knocked out of the lock by the impact and falling to the floor a short distance away.

That being the case, the prostrate man, after being bound and gagged, must have been dragged to the rear, where the robber proposed to make his search for money; and it is inferred that the robber-murderer must have been more or less cognizant of the conditions inside the house because there was practically nothing disturbed except the trunk where Mr. Hobart kept his valuables. The top of the trunk in the bedroom was up when the searchers investigated this forenoon and the key was in the lock. Lying near the trunk was a small box, which had been emptied of its money. Some bank-bills of Mr. Hobart still lay in the tray of the trunk.

Just how much money Mr. Hobart had in the trunk is not known, but it was generally understood that he was fairly well-to-do and various persons have reported that they have seen him with a roll of bills which must have amounted to several hundred dollars. The Sherman boy, who did work for the elderly man, says that he has seen a large pile of \$20 bills, while a man who delivered a load of wood reports that in paying him Mr. Hobart took the money from a large roll of bills. Other state that Mr. Hobart was supposed to have considerable money on hand, although the bank books indicate that he did business with banks in Montpelier and other places. The body was fully clothed when

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